

REMARKS

The Office Action dated 5/8/03 has been fully considered by the Applicant. Applicant hereby respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection.

Claims 1-6 and 8 are currently amended and claim 7 has been previously canceled.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings previously submitted. Applicant herewith submits revised Figures 1-10. Figure 1 has been amended to include "Figure 1". The margins of Figures 2-9 have been corrected. Applicant believes that the enclosed set of Figures satisfies the Examiner's drawing objections.

Claims 1-6 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as based on an non-enabling disclosure. Applicant believes that the amendments made herein to the specification overcomes the 112 rejection. The one or more elements are further defined as being "elements representing the work carried out" and the software component applications are further defined as "software application and information components" in the current amendments made to the specification. These amendments simply further define elements which were previously stated in the specification. No new matter has been added.

Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claim 3 has been amended as suggested by Examiner Gubiotti to indicate only one process model.

Claims 1-6 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(z) as being anticipated by Pyron ("Special Edition: Using Microsoft Project 98", Que Publishing, 1997, pp. 1-989).

Claim 1 has been amended to indicate that a user selects the process model displayed on a screen to access the application and information software components to direct the operation of the information software components. The basis for this amendment is found in the specification on

Pages 5, lines 10, 11 and 12. The claims have been amended to more clearly indicate this feature and we believe that with this amendment and the supporting arguments the application should be allowed to proceed to grant. The currently amended claim 1 is novel over the Pryon reference.

Pyron does not teach nor suggest a user selecting a displayed process model to access the application and information software components to direct the operation of the information software components. Pryon teaches only toward a method of representation of a work breakdown structure for planning and management purposes and does not teach the method of an operational environment for dealing with tasks and using resources. Applicant's invention provides that the resources (applications and software components) that are dealt with are not simply modeling representations confined to a tool, as in the Pyron article, but rather the resources are real and available and so there is allowed an association of electronic resources which are available to the user, such as, electronic documents, template forms, template letters, presentations, movies, electronic forms into software applications and databases, with the identified task or elements. The present disclosure allows the linking between a modeling environment of the tasks with the 'real world' environment of the real life resources which are available to perform the work, rather than operating in a modeling environment in which the tasks and resources are little more than a series of icons on a screen representing the same, as in the Pyron reference. As a result, the Pryon reference is only half of an answer to the problem solved by Applicant's disclosure, since the Pryon reference allows the generation of a model but not the implementation into a real life system. In fact, the present application would constitute a significant enhancement to the Pryon disclosure in that the effect of using Applicant's invention would be that rather than the invention in the Pryon reference acting solely as a modeling and management tool (as it currently does), the Pryon invention could act as

an operational tool. At no stage in the Pryon reference is it disclosed or suggested that this could be achieved, indeed nothing in the Pryon reference envisions such an operational system.

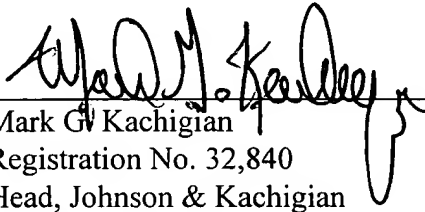
In addition, if the Pryon reference was enhanced with Applicant's invention, a user of the Pryon reference could click on a task (e.g. 'submit a project initiation document'), and access the software application functionality (e.g. a template form to fill in with project initiation details- the "real" resource) to carry out this task. However, in the Pryon reference, the system is not so enhanced and as a result all that happens when the user clicks on a task is that a visual representation of the resource (e.g. a symbol representing a Project Management System) is displayed on a screen. No real resource, whether it is a form or other, can be provided. Therefore, Applicant believes the claim 1 is clearly distinguishable over the Pryon reference.

In summary, as now amended neither the cited reference nor any of the other references disclose or suggest the process set forth in Claim 1.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If any further issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is requested.

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